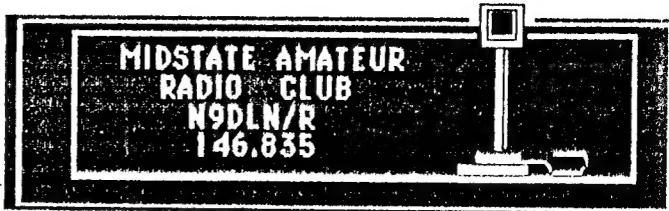


# THE SPARK GAP



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the January meeting WB9YIG resigned as president due to time consuming employment I hope you will consider being our president in the future, Dave.

At the February meeting 'the guys' elected me president. I hope I can serve the club and live up to your expectations! Congratulations KA9ZCL on your election as program activity chairman! I listened to a lot of ideas and suggestions for activities and I hope we can implement some of them. NV9K and K9PDI have taken over as newsletter editors. I am sure you will enjoy the new look and ideas. We owe KA9OOH a big thanks for the work he has done the newsletter! Thank you, sir!

Remember, if your ARRL membership is due the club will receive \$5.00 if you send it in through the club. By the way, have you paid your 1991 dues? The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 18. 73 de N9DON, president.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Jay Six, N9EVH is a recent new member of our club. Jay is an accountant/missionary with OMS International. He holds a general license and has been a ham since 1983. He and his wife Linda have four children ages 12, 10, 6, and 4. Jay lists his outside interests as hunting, fishing, camping, bicycling and gardening. His ham activities are varied but are closely related to his missionary work. He maintains weekly ham schedules with other missionaries in Ecuador and Haiti on 20 meters, putting families in contact through phone patches. His job involves international travel at least one time each year. In May he will travel to Taiwan, Indonesia, and the Phillipines. He lived in Haiti for more than two years before coming to Indiana. We would like to welcome Jay to the club and are looking forward to sharing his DX contacts.

YOUR 1991 CLUB DUES ARE NOW DUE! PAY WB9AYB

## NOVICE CLASSES START SOON

Dave KA9OOH and Mac NV9K will start the new spring Novice class on Monday March 11. This year there will be a few changes. The class will be held in the Johnson County Law Enforcement Bldg. Classes will run through April 29th. Classes are scheduled from 7:00 To 9:00 every monday. People taking the class should have a NEW copy of the book TUNE IN THE WORLD.

## V E C TESTING FOR MARCH-APRIL

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|--------|--------------|-------|------|
| MAR 2  | New Castle   | W9JUG | (31) |
| MAR 18 | Rushville    | N6RS  | (31) |
| MAR 30 | Lebanon      | NX9Q  | (31) |
| APR 6  | Muncie       | W9JUG | (31) |
| APR 20 | Franklin     | NV9K  | (31) |
| APR 27 | Indianapolis | NQ9R  | (31) |

## SATELLITES FOR MOBILE TRUCKS

A pair of satellites will be launched in 1994 to establish an integrated mobile communications system providing voice and data services to mobile terminals throughout Canada and the U. S.

Mobile users will have access to a wide array of integrated voice and data services using small, compact terminals similar to cellular phones. Services will include voice, fax, positioning, and data communications to users on land, sea, and in the air.

This two-way radio system will allow U.S. trucks moving in Canada to communicate with their companies in the United States. Canadian trucks in the U.S. could also be in contact with their home base. Each satellite has the ability to support up to 3200 radio channels, depending upon antenna used and the bandwidth allocated. The satellites will have an operating life of 10 to 12 years, and will cover all of Canada, the U.S., Alaska, Hawaii and Mexico. Later improvements will include two-way voice, mobile fax, public phones, and remote vehicle monitoring. So, what's next?